

Food processing centres in the country

1180. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up 500 food processing centres in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of centres set up State-wise, as on 31st October, 2006; and

(d) the total amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) Government does not set up food processing industries on its own. However, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing a Plan scheme to provide financial assistance for technology upgradation/modernization/establishment of food processing industries. Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided in the form of grant - in - aid to all implementing agencies @ 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas. The total number of food processing units approved for assistance during the 10th Plan Period, State-wise, as on 31.11.2006 is given in the Statement (See below). The total amount of assistance provided under the scheme during the 10th Plan period till 30th November, 2006 is Rs. 218.67 crores.

Statement

*Number of Food Processing Units approved during 10th Five Year Plan
(as on 30.11.2006)*

State/UT	Approved food processing units
Andhra Pradesh	86
Arunachal Pradesh	1
Assam	33
Bihar	3
Chhattisgarh	7
Delhi	4
Goa	3

State/UT	Approved food processing units
Gujarat	36
Haryana	23
Himachal Pradesh	23
Jammu & Kashmir	14
Jharkhand	4
Karnataka	53
Kerala	46
Madhya Pradesh	22
Maharashtra	135
Manipur	8
Meghalaya	3
Mizoram	4
Nagaland	3
Orissa	7
Pondicherry	4
Punjab	68
Rajasthan	33
Tamil Nadu	73
Tripura	4
Uttar Pradesh	73
Uttaranchal	20
West Bengal	45

Food safety and standard authority for food processing sector

1181. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up the food safety and standard authority to oversee the entire food manufacturing and processing sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is being ensured to check food adulteration;

(d) if not, the steps taken by Government to create standards and guidelines on food;